McAlpin, Loreen

From: Solana, Rick P.
Sent: Monday, November 08, 1999 2:03 PM
To: McAlpin, Loreen; Sanders, Edward
Cc: Zuber, Jacques
Subject: FW: Recherche Tabacole Européenne

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Val - An item for the Assoc. log. list

Loreen,
Here's another association which we must keep track of.

Ted,
Jacques had called me about this invitation he recieved. Seems like participating is better than not particpating, but who knows where this will go. Please keep in close communication with Jacques on this.

-----Original Message-----
From: Zuber, Jacques
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 1999 5:16 AM
To: Horst, Mike
Cc: Solana, Rick P.; Kassman, Allen; Reif, Helmut; Gally, Andre; Gadani, Ferruccio
Subject: FW: Recherche Tabacole Européenne

Dear Mike,

Thank you for the very useful discussion we had yesterday; I was very pleased to have a direct confirmation of your support to the concept.

After the conversations I had with you and with R. Solana (WSA), I indicated yesterday to Mr. Duméry, Head of Research at SEITA, that I will participate in his committee to review the proposal to establish a European research institute on tobacco.

During that conversation, I learned a little bit more about the membership in the committee.

Duméry indicated that about 15 people representing the whole European tobacco sector had been invited to sit on the technical committee and that the following people have already confirmed their participation: Messrs. Papenfus (retiree from Rothmans; current affiliation unknown to me), L. Muller (RJR-JT), M. Ward (ATC - BAT), P. Haein (France-Tabac), F. Vedel (UNITAB), A. Beuchat (FAT-PROAGRI).
G. Cauzzi (EUGROTAB) is expected to participate as well, as he appears to be a strong supporter of the idea; he might however be represented by somebody else.

I shared with Duméry our concern that rushing through the exercise might be an effective way to kill the whole project. Duméry agreed that his original timing had some component of day-dreaming, and that the original deadline was not going to be met. His concern is to maintain momentum after the September conference in Bergerac, and to have the project soon formally presented to the tobacco sector through the Tobacco House.

Moreover, there is a stronger push from the French, as, apparently, the idea has already been discussed at the French level since quite some time. Duméry indicated that there was an original agreement between the French growers and SEITA to establish a French institute in Bergerac but that, considering the size of the institute, SEITA had then seen it preferable to elevate the proposal to a European level.

As far as my participation is concerned, I feel a little bit handicapped by my limited familiarity with all the national and European associations which will be represented on the technical committee. I am wondering if you could provide documents that would help me correct that and/or if it would not be effective for me to spend one day in Brussels to get some briefing by the end of this month. I will anyway speak with André, but your suggestions in this area would be very much appreciated.

Thank you and best regards,

Jacques

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